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DONALD ADAMS CLARKE (left), western regional representative of the American Social Hygiene Association, confers with George F. Hamilton, general manager of the Arrowhead, Calif., United Fund. The Arrowhead Fund is one of thousands of funds and councils which raise money to give millions of Americans the benefits of important health, welfare and recreation services. The nation will be asked to give the "United Way" in campaigns launched all over the country this month.

## St. Louis Gets Second VD Study

The second in a series of American Social Hygiene Association pilot studies of sex behavior and venereal disease in teenagers has been assigned to the Social Science Institute of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Director of the Institute is Dr. Nicholas J. Demerath.

Dr. Robert Hamblin, research associate of the Institute, and assistant professor of sociology, will direct the study, which is scheduled to get underway this month.

The initial objective of the research study, which will be conducted mainly in the St. Louis area, is to "gain more knowledge of the social, cultural and personality factors that lead teenagers to such sexual behavior as may increase the possibility of venereal disease."

Last spring the Association announced the appointment of Dr. Martin Loeb, associate professor of social welfare at the University of California, Los Angeles, to direct the west coast phase of the teenage study project. The third and last study assignment is expected to be given next month to the sociology department of an Eastern university.

Funds for the \$92,000 study, which is expected to take at least two years for completion, are being provided by the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation of Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Child Welfare Foundation of the American Legion.

Chairman of ASHA's teenage study steering and planning committee is John Beeston, M.D., associate profes-

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## Act For Family Life Education In Conn.

Fifty of Connecticut's leaders in social welfare, education, health and religion sat down together at a pioneering meeting held in Cheshire, Conn., in July, to discuss ways of getting more and better family life education in their state.

Brought together under the auspices of the American Social Hygiene Association, they hope to develop community family life programs supported by local health, welfare and education agencies.

Although ASHA is sponsoring family life education projects in fifteen states and the District of Columbia through teacher preparation and in-service training programs, the New

England program is expected to break the ground toward a broader community agency base for all the projects.

Some of the family life education needs in Connecticut expressed at the series of workshops held at the Connecticut Conference were:

- More research, consultation services and pilot programs on family life education.
- Extension of family life education to reach more people in the state.
- Inter-agency and inter-discipline coordination and clearance on family life programs and projects.

Conference workshops were organ-

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## Family Congress To Meet

The World Family Congress will be held in Paris, July 15-21, 1958, by the International Union of Family Organizations.



**SOME OFFICERS** and executive committee members of the Chattanooga Area Social Hygiene Association, ASHA's newest affiliate, sit for their picture. They are seated, left to right, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Jr., executive committee; Shields Wilson, president; Colonel Frank McFall, regional director of the American Social Hygiene Association; standing, the Rev. R. D. McGee, executive committee; Dr. Louis Swanson, vice president; Dr. A. J. von Werssowetz, executive committee, and Dr. Paul Golley, ex-officio member, executive committee.

## Shields Wilson Heads New ASHA Affiliate

Shields Wilson, Chattanooga attorney, has been elected president of the newly organized Chattanooga Area Social Hygiene Association.

The major objective of this most recent addition to ASHA's affiliates is "a stronger family in a socially healthy community."

Other officers named to lead the new group were Dr. Louis Swanson, educator, as vice president, and Miss Thankful Everett, executive secretary of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Council, as secretary.

Named to the executive committee were Dr. A. J. von Werssowetz, Glen W. Ellis, Sam Monroe, Mrs. Gordon L. Smith, Jr., and the Rev. R. D. McGee. Ex-officio members are Dr. Paul M. Golley, director of the city-county health department, and Dr. James L. Fowle, Health Council president and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

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## Launch Overseas Drive

The Federal Service Overseas Fund Campaign, which benefits the American Social Hygiene Association and six other welfare agencies, will open its second annual drive this month among federal employees and military personnel overseas.

The Fund, endorsed by President Eisenhower recently as a "great enterprise," is part of a new White House policy designed to consolidate fund appeals overseas.

Besides ASHA, participants include CARE, the Crusade for Freedom, International Social Service, the National Recreation Association, United Seamen's Service and USO—the United Services Organization.

Stressing voluntary giving and the giver's right of privacy, the campaign is conducted on a world-wide basis reaching more than a million Americans overseas. It offers each contributor a choice of how he wants his gift apportioned among the seven participating agencies.

The Federal Service Overseas Fund is headed by Walter Williams, Under Secretary of Commerce.

Officers of the seven-agency committee are John A. De Chant, Crusade for Freedom, chairman; Ruth Hamilton, CARE, secretary, and D. Y. Gardner, American Social Hygiene Association, treasurer.

## Family Life Lines

### New Service

An ASHA sponsored consultation service to serve the schools and communities of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota, has been inaugurated by the American Social Hygiene Association. Chief consultant will be Mrs. Dorothy T. Dyer, associate professor and chairman of family life program, University of Minnesota.

### Conferences

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA family life education consultant, represented the Association at the Ninth Annual Conference of the New England Division of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development at the University of Maine. Mrs. Force gave the keynote address at the section on personal and family living, held in early August.

The Rhode Island School Superintendents heard Charles Messner, ASHA associate director of education, speak on the importance of family life education, at a meeting held at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, on August 19.

## Second VD Study

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sor of preventive medicine and public health, UCLA.

Committee members are: Dr. J. M. Bobbitt, chief, Professional Services Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland; James F. Donohue, principal statistician, Venereal Disease Program, Public Health Service, Atlanta, Ga.; M. Norman Orgel, M.D., president, Missouri Social Hygiene Association, St. Louis, Missouri; T. Lefoy Richman, associate executive director, American Social Hygiene Association; and Mrs. Elizabeth Healy Ross, deputy chief, U. S. Children's Bureau.

Others are: Mr. Randel Shake, director, American Legion National Child Welfare Foundation; Dr. Johannes Stuart, public health advisor, Public Health Services, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Mrs. Christine Robb Thompson, Information Referral Service, Manhattan Society for Mental Health, and Dr. John W. M. Whiting, director, Laboratory of Human Development, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

## Find Sex Deviation Caused By Parents

Most cases of sexual deviation result from unconscious fostering of such behavior in early life by the parents, according to two Minnesota psychiatrists.

Writing in the August Journal of the American Medical Association, Drs. Adelaide M. Johnson and David B. Robinson, Rochester, Minn., said that these parents all have unsatisfactory marital sexual relationships.

Parental fostering of sexual deviation parallels that in other types of delinquency, they said. An earlier study showed that repeated stealing, arson and vandalism are stimulated by unconscious anti-social impulses in the parents.

"The child may sense that he is expected to misbehave sexually through the parents dire warnings about future sexual misconduct quite foreign to the child's own inclinations," the authors pointed out.

The parents' fantasy that their small child will probably get into sexual trouble during adolescence provides a "compelling" guide, and unconsciously the parents gradually maneuver the youngster into adolescent sexual acting out, they said.

## Act For Family Life Education

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ized into groups representing school education, adult and parent education, health agencies, church agencies, case and group work agencies and community planners.

In the keynote speech of the conference, Clayton Jones, executive secretary of the New England Project in Family Life Education, said that the family life education movement in this country does not now have well-defined boundaries or easily identified component parts.

"It now exists," he said, "as a heterogeneous assortment of educational offerings planned, operated and supported on a piecemeal basis by many lay groups and community serving agencies with varying philosophies and program standards."

And, he pointed out, there are "huge blocks" of the population still untouched by these educational opportunities, while there are organizations and professions with much more to offer that are contributing little.

Mr. Jones called for state and community planning, training in consul-

## ASHA Cited In Galveston Clean-Up

Big time vice has been banished from Galveston County, Texas, since June, and the attorney general of Texas, Will Wilson, has cited ASHA for its "very material assistance" in the clean-up.

Since early summer, fifty-four injunctions have been filed by the attorney general's office, closing gambling establishments, houses of prostitution and open bars in this long notorious wide-open town.

### New Jersey Reports Teen VD Increase

The number of cases of gonorrhea reported for the young people of New Jersey increased during 1956.

In a statement prepared for the Social Hygiene News, Adele C. Shepard, M.D., chief of the New Jersey Health Department's Venereal Disease Control Department, said that more than fifty per cent of the state's reported gonorrhea cases last year were among people aged ten to twenty-four, while the 1955 percentage was only slightly over forty-four per cent.

She also noted that gonorrhea increased in the ten to nineteen year age group from 14.3 per cent in 1955 to 15.5 per cent in 1956.

"On the basis of informed professional opinion," Dr. Shepard said, "it can be estimated conservatively that at least one of every 100 individuals aged 20 to 24 actually acquired gonorrhea in New Jersey during 1956."

The suits were all based on information gathered by ASHA undercover men at the request of assistant attorney general James Simpson of Texas.

In a letter to Lamar Boland, ASHA field services director, Mr. Wilson said that "the information provided was of such accuracy that not a single error resulted from naming either the individual defendants or the location of the places enjoined."

"The continuous activity of conducting surveys and making public the results of such surveys has been very helpful in focusing public attention on the racket of prostitution,"

Mr. Wilson said.

"I am grateful for your courtesy in providing this office with copies of your surveys, and I want you to know that I appreciate all the aid you have extended in the current law enforcement program," he added.

Mr. Wilson also praised Howard Slutes, ASHA regional director in the southwest, for the work he has done for years with local organizations. This work, he said, has resulted in creating "a more favorable public opinion on this problem, which is an essential part of the total program of complete law enforcement."

Although Galveston Mayor George Roy Clough is still an advocate of a "clean but open town," through regulated prostitution, business interests in the island resort have swung from scepticism to enthusiasm for the new state of affairs.

They have discovered that business is booming, that hotel space is sold out and that sales are up.

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